



# Education Watch

Enhancing Accountability, Local Control, & Parental Choice ■ Leaving No Child Behind

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## Pres. Bush, GOP Launch Drive to Help Schools Improve Results

At a public elementary school in Southfield, Michigan yesterday, President Bush highlighted the next important step in education reform -- translating legislative action into results in the classroom by stressing the need for increased accountability, improved teacher quality, more parental involvement and a focus on reading in our nation's public schools. Congressional Republicans are joining the President in the effort, reaching out to teachers, principals, and parents across the nation to implement the bipartisan reforms in the *No Child Left Behind* Act (H.R. 1).

As President Bush spoke in Michigan, the U.S. Department of Education held a regional meeting in Cincinnati to discuss implementation of the *No Child Left Behind* Act, the first of a series of such meetings across the nation. **Joyce Valerius, a teacher in the Cincinnati Public School district, said she was "encouraged" by the new law's emphasis on helping states put a quality teacher in every public classroom by 2005, this morning's *Cincinnati Enquirer* reports (Earnest Winston, "Educators meet with government," May 7, 2002).** The *Enquirer* reports Valerius also called for reduced paperwork for teachers and further efforts to attract talented Americans to the teaching profession -- both identified as education priorities this year by President Bush and congressional Republicans.

In exchange for improved results, the *No Child Left Behind* Act expands local control and provides new flexibility for every school district in America. It also triples funding for reading programs based on proven scientific research and provides a 35 percent increase in federal teacher quality aid to help states and school districts train, recruit, and retain quality teachers.

### News of the Day

**President Bush and congressional Republicans are working with educators and parents to close the achievement gap between disadvantaged students and their peers -- by insisting on results.**

- ❑ *Despite nearly \$200 billion in federal spending since 1965, a gaping achievement gap exists between disadvantaged students and other students.*
- ❑ *The No Child Left Behind Act (H.R. 1), links federal education funds to results to ensure that our children are learning.*
- ❑ *President Bush and Republicans are engaging parents, teachers, and principals in a close partnership aimed at improving America's public schools.*

### DAILY EDUCATION FACTS

- **Republicans in Congress have introduced legislation to build on the *No Child Left Behind* Act and help states put a quality teacher in every classroom.** The CLASS ACT (Canceling Loans to Allow School Systems to Attract Classroom Teachers), authored by Rep. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), would provide student loan forgiveness of up to \$17,500 for Americans who become math, science, or special education teachers.
- **Over the next decade, American schools will need more than two million new teachers. President Bush's *No Child Left Behind* Act calls for putting a quality teacher in every U.S. classroom by 2005 and provides a 35 percent increase in federal teacher quality funds to train, recruit, and retain quality teachers.**

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Large infusions of money into a district do not automatically translate into better education. And Vandenberg [Elementary, visited by President Bush Monday] proves what really does count: Effective administration, innovative teaching and a determination to charge through problems toward solutions." --*  
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